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1. SITUATION AT 1430 Z REMAINS QUIET THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.  
CURFEW LIFTED TODAY FROM 1700 TO 1930 LOCAL, BUT SCHOOLS  
REMAIN CLOSED.

2. ONLY MILITARY ACTIVITY OF WHICH WE AWARE WAS ILMAC  
MEETING WHICH, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE UNTSO SOURCE, WAS SCHEDULED  
CONVENE 9030 Z AT LEBANESE REQ AT METULLA  
(3317 N-3535 E) ON ISRAELI SIDE OF SOUTHERN BORDER. ( USE  
OF USUAL MEETING PLACE AT RAS NAQOURAH ON COAST RULED  
SOUT SINCE, AS NOTED OUR SITREP 16, ARMY HAS TEMPORARILY  
EVACUATED SOUTHWEST SECOTR.) WE HAVE AS YET NO DETAILS  
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ON WHAT TRANSPIRED, BUT HOPE OBTAIN SOME SOON.

3. ON POLITICAL FRONT, CONTINUED MEDIATION EFFORTS BY FORMER PRIMIN SALAM REPORTEDLY HAVE PRODUCED GOL- FEDAYEEN AGREEMENT TO FORMATION OF SECOND MIXED COMMITTEE ( FIRST , AS REPORTED OUR 5294, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN SUPERVISING IMPLEMENTATION OF MAY 8 CEASEFIRE) TO REVIEW PRIOR LEBANESE- FEDAYEEN AGREEMENTS AND EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF ARRIVING AT NEW ACCORD. NEW COMMITTEE ALLEGEDLY TO CONSIST OF 5 REPS FROM EACH SIDE ( INCLUDING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN REPS ON GOL SIDE) AND WILL HAVE MISSION OF ( A) REESTABLISHING LEBANESE POLICE PRESENCE, IF ONLY ON SYMBOLIC BASIS, IN REFUGEE CAMPS; ( B) FORMING CAMP COMMITTEES WITH " MUNICIPAL POWERS" TO DEAL WITH GOL AUTHORITIES; ( C) DEALING WITH QUESTION OF HEAVY WEAPONS IN CAMP AREAS; AND ( D) ATTEMPTING RESOLVE OTHER PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO CONTROL, CIRCULATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ARMED PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON. WE GATHER FEDAYEEN REPS ON NEW COMMITTEE HAVE YET TO BE APPOINTED, AND WE NOTE LEFTIST DAILY AL MUHARRIR ( WHICH POSSESSES EXCELLENT FEDAYEEN CONTACTS) STATES THEY WILL NOT BE NAMED UNTIL COMMITTEE " HAS SOME KIND OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATION TO START WORK" ( I. E., UNTIL NEW LEBANESE CABINET IS FORMED).

4. AT SAME TIME, LOCAL PRESS REPORTS LEBANESE AUTHORITIES IN RECENT DAYS HAVE NOTICED PRESENCE INSIDE CAMPS OF NUMBER OF NON- PALESTINIAN " ARMED ELEMENTS", SAID TO INCLUDE SOMALIS, TURKS, MOROCCANS, LIBYANS, ETHIOPIANS, TANZANIANS AND SUDANESE. GOL REPORTEDLY HAS RAISED THIS ISSUE IN MIXED COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING CEASEFIRE, REQUESTING REMOVAL OF THESE PERSONS WHOSE ACTIVITIES IT REGARDS AS LIABLE JEOPARDIZE CEASEFIRE. MOREOVER, IN ADDITION TO LARGE NUMBER FEDAYEEN DETAINED BY GOL SINCE FIGHTING BEGAN MAY 2, LEBANESE SECURITY OFFICIALS -- IN PROCESS OF IDENTITY CHECKS OF CURFEW VIOLATORS -- REPORTEDLY HAVE PICKED UP CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FOUND TO HAVE IMPROPER DOCUMENTATION.

5. AIRPORT OPEN, WITH TRAFFIC NORMAL. EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS REMAIN SAFE, AS DO MEMBERS AMERICAN  
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COMMUNITY. UNLESS CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT OTHERWISE, WE PLAN SUBMIT ONLY ONE SITREP AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS EACH DAY IN FUTURE.  
HOUGHTON UNQUOTE RUSH

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